

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing, if entered, replaces all prior versions of the claims in the present application.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method in a computing system comprising:
 - receiving, by a processor, a selection of an activity item, wherein
 - the activity item is one of a plurality of activity items,
 - each one of the plurality of activity items represents one of a plurality of business related activities, and
 - the plurality of business related activities comprise at least a meeting, a demonstration, a presentation, and correspondence;
 - associating, by the processor, the activity item with a user by adding the activity item to a list of activity items of the user, in response to the receiving the selection;
 - receiving, by the processor, an identification of the activity item being expensable;
 - in response to the identification, automatically associating, by the processor, at least one expense item with the activity item, wherein
 - a plurality of expense items comprises the at least one expense item, and
 - each of the plurality of expense items comprise a cost of ~~the one a~~ a business related activity represented by the activity item;
 - receiving, by the processor, an activation signal for generating an expense report for the user; and
 - in response to the activation signal~~[[:]]~~
 - collecting, by the processor, two or more activity items from the list of activity items of the user,
 - collecting, by the processor, associated expense items associated with the two or more activity items,
 - creating, by the processor, the expense report, wherein
 - the expense report comprises the associated expense items, and
 - submitting, by the processor, the expense report to the user.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:
prior to receiving the selection of the activity item,
establishing activity types for each of the plurality of business related
activities, expense types for costs associated with each of the
plurality of business related activities, and associations between
the activity types and expense types, wherein
the establishing comprises
associating one or more expense types of the expense types
with an activity type, and
the associating is based on receiving a selection indicating
an expense type is associated with an activity
type;[[,]]
instantiating an activity type of the activity types ~~causes the creation of~~
an , wherein
the instantiating the activity type comprises creating an activity
item **of the activity type;[[,]]** and
instantiating an expense type of the expense types ~~causes the creation of~~
an , wherein
the instantiating the expense type comprises creating an
expense item **of the expense type.**
3. **(Currently Amended)** A non-transitory computer-readable storage
medium storing instructions that, when executed, cause a computing system to perform a
process comprising:
receiving a selection of an activity item, wherein
the activity item is one of a plurality of activity items,
each one of the plurality of activity items represents one of a plurality of
business related activities, and
the plurality of business related activities comprise at least a meeting, a
demonstration, a presentation, and correspondence;

associating the activity item with a user by adding the activity item to a list of
 activity items of the user, in response to the receiving the selection;
 receiving an identification of the activity item being expensable;
 in response to the identification, automatically associating at least one expense
 item with the activity item, wherein
 a plurality of expense items comprises the at least one expense item, and
 each of the plurality of expense items comprise a cost of ~~the one a~~
 business related activity represented by the activity item; and
 in response to receiving an activation signal for generating an expense report for
 the user[[:]]
 collecting two or more activity items from the list of activity items of the
 user,
 collecting associated expense items associated with the two or more
 activity items,
 creating the expense report, wherein
 the expense report comprises the associated expense items, and
 submitting the expense report to the user.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 3 wherein the process further comprises:

establishing for the activity item a date designated for the activity item; ~~and~~
 establishing for the ~~one or more~~ at least one expense item[[s]] the ~~same~~ date
 designated for the activity item; ~~and~~

wherein

the expense report is generated for a particular date range,
the date is associated with a particular date range,
the two or more activity items comprise the activity item, and
the associated expense items comprise the at least one expense item.

5. (Currently Amended) A computing system comprising:
a database;
a client; and
a server coupled to the database and communicatively coupled to the client,
wherein the server is configured to[[:]]
receive a selection of an activity item, wherein
the activity item is one of a plurality of activity items,
each one of the plurality of activity items represents one of business
related activities stored in the database, and
the business related activities comprise at least a meeting, a
demonstration, a presentation, and correspondence;
associate the activity item with a user by adding the activity item to a list
of activity items of the user, in response to the receipt of the
selection, wherein the list of activity items is stored in the
database;
receive an identification of the activity item being expensable;
automatically associate at least one expense item with the activity item, in
response to the identification, wherein
a plurality of expense items comprises the at least one expense
item, and
each of the plurality of expense items comprise a cost of ~~the one a~~
business related activity represented by the activity item;
receive an activation signal for generating an expense report for the user,
wherein the activation signal is received from the client; and

in response to receipt of the activation signal[[:]]
 collect two or more activity items from the list of activity items in
 the database,
 collect associated expense items associated with the two or more
 activity items,
 create the expense report, wherein
 the expense report comprises the associated expense items,
 and
 submit the expense report to the client.

6. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the
 server is further configured to:

establish for the activity item a date designated for the activity item; and
 establish for the one or more expense items the ~~same~~ date for the activity item;

and

wherein

the expense report is generated for a particular date range,
the date is associated with the particular date range,
the two or more activity items comprise the activity item, and
the associated expense items comprise the at least one expense item.

7. – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the establishing
 the activity types further comprises:

providing a user with a list of the plurality of activity types.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein
 the list of the plurality of activity types is maintained by the user and contains
 activity types predefined by an application administrator.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein associations between each of the ~~one or more~~ **plurality of** expense items and the ~~plurality of~~ activity item[[s]] are based on a ~~pre-determined mapping~~ **set of associations that are predefined by an administrator.**

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of activity items corresponds to a category of expenses, wherein
the category is one of the following categories:
appointments,
meetings,
presentations,
travel,
demonstrations, and
drafting correspondence.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of activity items are based on information corresponding to at least one of
a description of an activity,
itemized tasks associated with the plurality of activity items,
whether the plurality of activity items are associated with a client, and
whether the plurality of activity items are expensable.

18. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the selection of the activity item comprises:
providing a user with a list of the plurality of activity items.

19. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 18, wherein
the list of the plurality of activity items is predefined by an application administrator.

20. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein ~~the pre-determined mapping is~~ associations between each of the plurality of expense items and the activity item are based on ~~expenses appropriate for to the expense item~~ a set of associations that are predefined by an administrator.

21. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein
each of the plurality of activity items corresponds to a category of expenses,
wherein
the category is one of the following categories:
appointments,
meetings,
presentations,
travel,
demonstrations, and
drafting correspondence.

22. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein
the plurality of activity items are based on information corresponding to at least
one of
a description of an activity,
itemized tasks associated with the plurality of activity items,
whether the plurality of activity items are associated with a client, and
whether the plurality of activity items are expensable.

23. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the selection of the activity item comprises:
providing a user with a list of the ~~at least two~~ plurality of activity items.

24. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 23, wherein the list of activity items is predefined by an application administrator.
25. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, wherein each of the at least two activity items corresponds to a category of expenses, wherein
the category is one of the following categories:
appointments,
meetings,
presentations,
travel,
demonstrations, and
drafting correspondence.
26. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the plurality of activity items are based on information corresponding to at least one of
a description of an activity,
itemized tasks associated with the plurality of activity items,
whether the plurality of activity items are associated with a client, and
whether the plurality of activity items are expensable.
27. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving information from ~~a user~~ **an administrator**;
in response to the receiving the information,
creating each of the plurality of activity types, wherein
the creating of the plurality of activity types is based on the
information,

creating each of the plurality of expense types, wherein
the creating the each of the plurality of expense types is based on
the information, **and**
~~determining the pre-determined mapping~~ **defining a set of**
associations, wherein
the ~~determining~~ **defining** is based on the information, and
the ~~pre-determined mapping~~ **set of associations** associates each of
the plurality of expense types with at least one of the plurality
of activity types, ~~[[;]]~~ and
~~in response to the receiving,~~
storing the information, wherein
~~the storing is performed before the displaying,~~
the information indicates whether one of the plurality of activity
types is expensable,
the information comprises a plurality of keys, **and**
each of the plurality of keys is assigned to
one of the plurality of expense types, and
at least one of the plurality of activity types; ~~[[,]]~~
and wherein
a ~~one~~ **first activity type** of the plurality of activity types represents a type
of meeting,
the instantiating the first ~~one of the plurality of~~ activity type ~~[[s]]~~ **is**
~~associated with~~ **creates** an instance of the first ~~one of the~~
~~plurality of~~ activity type ~~[[s]]~~, **and**
the instance **comprises a first activity item, and**
the first activity item is a specific meeting.